

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 25 as follows:

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25. (amended) A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag having top and bottom ends and opposing front and rear walls and a flexible interlocking fastener, said method comprising the steps of: sealing said fastener assembly to one or more lips; sealing one of said lips to one of said walls; said fastener assembly comprising an engaging portion and a flexible interlocking fastener assembly releasably connected to a [complimentary] complementary engaging portion, said complementary engaging portion sealed to said front wall only as a result of a sealing operation upstream from a forming and filling nozzle cylinder of a form, fill and seal machine, [simultaneously] sealing an end of said front wall to said flexible interlocking fastener lip, and to said back wall, whereby a fail-safe reclosable bag barrier is formed reducing the risk of contamination or release of contents within a from an interior storage volume of said bag by inadvertent separation of one portion of said front wall from another portion of said front wall.

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